

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 569

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize James Alexander Verdell, 2009 Valedictorian of Gleason High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, James Alexander Verdell is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class at Gleason High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Alex has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Mr. Verdell has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average, received numerous honors, and participated in several worthy extracurricular activities, including the Student Council and the Future Farmers of America; and

WHEREAS, a leader among his peers, Mr. Verdell was a Boys State Delegate, where he served on the Governor's Cabinet; President of his senior class; and an officer in the Beta Club, the Science Club, the G-Club, and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; and

WHEREAS, an exceptional football player, he served his teammates as Captain and won All-State, All-West Tennessee, and All-Region honors for his remarkable performance on the field; and

WHEREAS, his personal interests and hobbies include singing, playing guitar, billiards, supporting the Relay for Life, outdoor sports, reading, and mathematics; a valued member of the Beech Springs Missionary Baptist Church, he exercises his considerable vocal talent as a member of the choir; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Verdell's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Wendell Verdell and Alicia Verdell; his grandparents, Billy and Virginia Verdell, Jim and Martha Arthurs, and Lorraine Brockman; his school; and his community; and

WHEREAS, Alex Verdell's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2009 Gleason High School Valedictorian, James Alexander Verdell, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.